



*"History's Hometown"*

# CITY OF AUBURN

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With the summer season and nicer weather right around the corner the City of Auburn Police Department would like to offer its residents the following crime prevention tips to stay safe.

- **Burglary Prevention** Burglary is the unlawful entry of a 'structure' to commit a felony or a theft. Burglary is commonly known as a "break in," or, "breaking and entering." A 'structure' is usually in reference to physical buildings but not cars. Car break-ins are considered larcenies.
  - Doors are the most common means of entry for a burglar because they arouse less suspicion. Your doors should be locked at all times whether you are home or not. Garage doors left open provide easy access to interior doors for burglars. Keep them closed and locked.
  - Windows are another common means for illegal entry into your home. Always lock your windows. If you prefer to keep windows slightly open for ventilation make sure they are properly secured. Do not leave ladders next to your home as this provides easy access to your roof and second floor.
  - Make sure to keep trees, shrubbery and plants trimmed back to avoid areas of concealment for burglars.
  - Good exterior lighting is also an excellent deterrent to crime. Make sure entrances and porches are well lighted.
  - Properly installed alarm systems can also provide an added layer of security.
  - If you see anything that appears suspicious in your neighborhood do not hesitate to call law enforcement. Residents can call the non-emergency number at **315-253-3231** or in the case of an emergency **911**.
- **Larceny Prevention** Larceny is the unauthorized taking and removal of the personal property of another by a person who intends to permanently deprive the owner of it, and is one form of "theft."
  - Never leave your personal property unattended while out in public for any period of time. Purses or handbags left unattended in vehicles, shopping carts, etc. make easy targets for criminals.
  - Always lock your vehicle and keep your windows rolled up. Remove valuables when possible but never leave them in plain view. Lock them in the trunk or glove box until you get home.
  - Always be aware of your surroundings. If something doesn't look or feel right in a situation, leave the area and report the incident to law enforcement at the numbers mentioned above.

These are just a few tips to help the community combat crime. A more detailed handbook with valuable information on crime prevention is available at any time upon request. City of Auburn residents can obtain a handbook by contacting the Community Oriented Policing office at 315-255-4721. The Auburn Police Department remains committed to the safety and security of its residents and would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer season.

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